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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA
June 15, 2005**

Present: Commissioners Lythgoe and Notbohm; Carl Purdy, IT Manager; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*, Ken Vivrette, Sabrina Sketekee, John Semple
Absent Commissioner Weber

REPORTS

Receipt of the May cash report from the Treasurer.

Receipt of May expense and revenue reports from Clerk and Recorder.

ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW

SIGN LEASE WITH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR OFFICE SPACE RENT

Commissioner Lythgoe noted that this is a two-year lease. Commissioner Lythgoe moved to sign the lease. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-2005 SETTING COMMISSION MEETING DAY

Commissioner Lythgoe read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 17-2005

AMENDING RESOLUTION 02-2005

SETTING MEETING DAY FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County will, by resolution, establish a regular meeting date and notify the public of that day; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the County, except as may be otherwise required of them, may meet at any time for the purpose of attending to County business; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Montana has determined that every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. is the best time for their regular meeting for the purpose of conducting it's official business, and

WHEREAS, it was further determined that claims would be approved every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of each week will be the regular meeting date and time, effective the 5th day of July 2005, and that every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. of each week will be the time set for claims approval. Roberts Rules of Order shall be adhered to at these meetings, and professional speech will be used by the Commission in talking with and about each other, employees, board and the general public, and that there will be no claim of criminal activity by anyone, unless they have been convicted of said criminal activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the policy providing for public participation in public meetings as stated in Resolution 05-2004 will be continued.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2005.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

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Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the reason for the change in the meeting day is because the meetings have outgrown the room. The Commission is dealing with issues of significant public interest. In the past, these items were dealt with in one meeting, but now they are taking more time and there is more public participation. Changing the meeting day will allow them to move the meeting to the courtroom.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Notbohm seconded, and stated that he believes the Clerk of District Court sent notice to the Commission of upcoming conflicts. He stated that something should be noted as an alternative. Commissioner Lythgoe agreed that the Clerk had sent notice. The Commission will know in advance of conflicting court dates, and the meeting place will be noted on the agenda. The motion carried.

FORM COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that this item will be reagendaized for the 29th. They had discussed limiting the number of citizen members to two. Commissioner Notbohm stated that they should rethink that, as they may want one from each part of the county. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he agreed three citizen members would be a good idea.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON BOULDER OUTLAWS 4-H CLUB REQUEST FOR \$400 FOR FAIR PREMIUMS

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the last time this was on the agenda, the Commission didn't specifically answer the Outlaws' request. Sabrina Sketekee stated that the phrasing of the motion, to put the money toward the development of 4-H in outlying areas, was not directed to the fair. She stated that in the past, for example, \$1.00 of 4-H dues goes to the fair, but her club is not able to access those funds for the fair. If the intent of the Commission was to earmark the money for Boulder, she is afraid that they won't see any of it. There is going to be a meeting the following Monday to discuss this, but she is unsure if all the Commissioners will be there, so she decided to stay on the Commission agenda. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that his feeling is that it would be best to meet on Monday, before making their decision.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to table this item until the June 29 meeting. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON PURCHASE OF DIGITAL RECORDER AND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

Carl Purdy, IT Manager, stated that he met with a sound man and discussed options for speakers with amplifiers, microphones, a mixer and a mini-disc recorder. Commissioner Notbohm asked how portable this system will be, noting that the judge is not interested in having a sound system set up in the courtroom. Carl stated that the mixer is small, and the speakers are compact, so will be easy to put up and take down. Commissioner Notbohm stated that a podium would be a good idea for members of the audience.

Carl stated that they are looking at around \$2,000 for the equipment. Commissioner Lythgoe asked how long it would take to get the equipment. Carl stated that it shouldn't take too long. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the judge has spoken with the county attorney, and he wants to know before anything permanent is put into his courtroom. Carl stated that all the equipment is portable, so the judge won't have to deal with any of it. Commissioner Lythgoe asked if the recorder piece is portable. Carl stated that he needs to do some more research on that. The old recorders wouldn't record except with a line-in source. He needs to research this portion further, and has no answers at this time.

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they are not quite ready to make a decision. He would like Carl to research the recorder more. Carl stated that what they put together is a good system, which would be portable if it needed to go elsewhere.

CALENDAR REVIEW

6/16 Canvas ballots - 8:30
RMDC - 3:00
MTAG - 5:00
6/20 Land Board - Helena - 9:00
Meeting with 4-H leaders and representatives - 10:00

COMMISSION REPORTS

BOULDER MOSQUITOS

Commissioner Notbohm noted that John Semple is in attendance. John was coming to Boulder today to meet with him, but arrived during the meeting. His company has done mosquito spraying for years. The mosquito board is defunct and it is getting late in the year. He asked John if the county would be able to work under his license for fogging. John stated that he would need to think about it, and asked if Commissioner Notbohm had some people in mind.

Commissioner Notbohm stated that he does - a past sprayer, a couple that live in the valley and himself. The County has two small trucks. John stated that he thinks that this would work. He has a contract for the mosquito board to approve, and he will come talk to the new board when it is formed. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that Commissioner Notbohm works with the Boulder mosquito board, so he can deal with this.

Commissioner Notbohm stated that he has been working with Bill Hadfield on the mosquito issue. There is a city-wide garage sale in Boulder on Saturday, as well as a wedding at the fairgrounds, and they are hoping to get some fogging done by then.

TRI-CO FIRE

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that he attended a Tri-County Fire meeting on Thursday. One of the big issues is going to the DEQ to discuss the inability to burn when snow is on the ground. There are large slash piles from the defensible space projects and they are not able to burn them when it is safest. DEQ has not been willing to grant a variance. He stated that the spring burning season is short, and there have been slash burns get out of control due to dry conditions. One of the problems is that people with breathing problems are more understanding of natural fires, but they come unglued with smoke in the winter.

PARK LAKE DAM

Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he spent Thursday afternoon meeting with representatives of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Forest Service, DEQ, the Sheriff's office and the DES coordinator.

There is an approximately 36-foot break in the dam at Park Lake. After all the analysis, it is not a big issue. The dam is scheduled to be rebuilt this year. The situation is being monitored, and an informational campaign was set up and flyers are out to all residents. Commissioner Notbohm asked if they are already taking the water down. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that they are starting now, although the original plan was not to begin until July 6th. They all met again on Friday morning, after it had been monitored all night, and they are comfortable that there is no damage.

JLDC

Commissioner Lythgoe reported that the JLDC met on Monday afternoon in Montana City. He stated that it looks like the sale of AYA is going to happen. The company that is buying is very proactive, and one of their goals is to put the wilderness program back in place. Commissioner Notbohm stated that he is not opposed to the sale, but he is somewhat nervous, and asked what the length of the contract is, and how stable is the new company. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the new company is very stable; its smaller, but very stable. From the time they started negotiations for AYA, the new company has expanded significantly in Montana. Also, there is a letter of credit in place that protects the JLDC for a portion or most of the long-term contract. They didn't give a lot of detail at the meeting. Commissioner Notbohm stated that the Commission should be made aware of the conditions of the contract before it is signed, as the County is ultimately responsible. He asked if there will be any financial requirement from the current company to get out of the contract. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that there won't be. Commissioner Notbohm reiterated that he would like the Commission to be made aware of the terms of the contract. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that this would be appropriate.

MACo DISTRICT MEETING

Commissioner Notbohm stated that he was called at the last minute by MACo the previous week to attend an all-district meeting in Helena. He is the vice-chair of District 8, and the chair was unable to attend. They discussed the budget for MACo, which is in good shape. Gordon Morris is leaving, and there probably won't be a new director until the first of the year.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS

Commissioner Notbohm stated that the temp list needs to be updated to cover absences, noting that the Commission office needs to be open until 5:00. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that the Commissioners may need to communicate better about how they can cover the office.

MEETING ADJOURNED

ATTEST:

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